



WIC PROGRAM

*Building a Healthy Montana
Promoting & Supporting
Breastfeeding*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: WIC State Staff, Regional WIC Directors

FROM: Joan Bowsher

DATE: September 2, 2010

SUBJECT: Agency Conference Call

ATTENDEES: Joan Bowsher, Chris Fogelman, Linda Stallings, Kim Mondy,
Carrie Reynolds, Mark Walker, Bobbi Walker, Lynn Van Aken

Broadwater: Dana Hall; Cascade: Lynn Bedosky; Custer: Arlene Singer; Dawson: Connie Undem, Brenda Mischel; Deer Lodge: Linda Best; Fergus: Jane Timpano, Shirley Ernst; Flathead: Jeannine Lund, Joan Paulson; Gallatin: Darcy Hunter; Hill: Tessa Bailey; Lake: Patte Doran, Savanna Bell, Rhonda Schwehm; Lewis & Clark: Maggie Petaja; Lincoln: Linda Wagner, Peggy Smith; Missoula: Mary Pittaway, Michelle Baker, Arwyn WeLander; Ravalli: Jackie Cenis, Teresa Messerman, Kirsten Anderson; RiverStone: Gail Espeseth; Sanders: Karen Dwyer, Cindy Morgan; Sheridan: Vicki Ruby; Silverbow: Lori Stenson; Teton: Lora Wier, Diane Kalanick, Angel Johnson, Jo Lynn Miller; Valley: Julie Lawson; Ft. Peck: Irene Evenson, Teresa Rorvik; Blackfeet: JoAnn Running Crane; Salish & Kootenai: Mary Jane Billedeaux; Ft Belknap: Barb Skoyen

AGENDA

ME UPDATE – Joan

We received a very good report from the regional office. They reported only five findings among the state and local agencies. Their final report will be forthcoming.

FALL TRAINING REMINDER – Joan

I recommend at least one person from each agency attend the training. Make sure those of you who attend train the rest of your staff. That way everyone will be trained when the

most recent revision goes into effect on September 27, 2010.

WIC has been allotted extra funding which we will pass on to all of you. This will be done by modifying your present contracts. You need to send us your requests for items needed. We will then send you a letter stating the amount you will receive. All money needs to be obligated by September 30, 2010. We will be adding an extra \$1,000.00 to each amount for you to purchase a color printer for your agency.

WIC will be advertising statewide through television, radio, and on billboards. This will begin in November and then after January 1st, 2011.

BRANDED ITEMS COMING YOUR WAY – Chris

In order to spend the remaining Fruit and Vegetable Infrastructure Grant money, additional thermal bags with the Farm Direct graphic were ordered earlier this summer.

Several other branded items were ordered in September with the one-time funds available this year. Items ordered were more of the Healthy Harvest Cookbooks, WIC 2011 Calendars, water bottles and another thermal bag in a different color with a new WIC graphic. When these items arrive, Publications and Graphics will be shipping out an amount assigned to your local program for you to divide among the clinics in your region. The amount of the items will vary since the total of each item ordered varies. You should have all of these products by the end of December.

M-SPIRIT UPDATE – Mark

We now have the new risk code revision. Training for this will be in Missoula and Billings the week of September 20th. Rollout is scheduled for September 27th. Please be sure to train your staff if they were unable to attend either training. Everyone needs to be trained before rollout.

WINDOWS 7 RELEASE – Bobbi

The completed portion of the Windows 7 rollout went well. We appreciate your feedback on this. The remaining Windows 7 rollout will be put on hold until after the equipment replacement is done within the next few months.

The scanner pop-up window was coming up in a different order in Windows 7. Check to see if your signature pads are behaving differently. Let us know if you find other behavior that is different.

BREASTFEEDING MULTIPLES FOOD PACKAGE – Chris

The attached table provides guidance for issuing the appropriate food package for women breastfeeding multiples from the same pregnancy. M-SPIRIT may not assign the correct default food package for women breastfeeding multiples from the same pregnancy. The amount of foods will depend on the amount of breastfeeding for each infant. Women who are fully breastfeeding multiples from the same pregnancy receive

a 1.5 Enhanced Breastfeeding Food Package. This will vary every other month to account for items which cannot be halved easily.

The guidance provides information on the correct maximum amounts based on the amount of breastfeeding for each infant. Double checking the food package assigned to the woman will insure that overissuance or incorrect issuance will not occur.

MOTHER/INFANT CERTIFICATION – Kim

It is best to certify mom and baby at the same time. Please do not certify an eleven and a half month old infant. Doing this creates problems with food packages, risk codes, and VENA questions. Have mom come in when the infant is at least one year old.

INFANT FORMULA TRANSITION – Kim

Abbott will be initiating a name change with one of their Similac products. Similac Sensitive Isomil Soy will be changed to Similac Soy Isomil. The label color will also change from orange to red. More information about this change will be in a future WIC Newsletter.

ADMIN REQUIREMENTS FOR WIC – Linda

We are asking for new ideas to make better use of our scanning and monitoring processes. We will be discussing this at the fall trainings.

The ID numbers contain eight digits.

It's a federal regulation that CPA's prescribe food packages.

The next conference call will be November 4th at 9:00am.